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**Remarks**

Claims 1 to 22 are cancelled. Claims 23 to 45 are new.

**§ 103 Rejections**

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babu et al. (US 5,112,882) taken in view of Hansen et al. (US 5,993,900). This rejection is now mute because claims 1-22 have been cancelled.

**New Claims 23 to 45**

New claims 23 to 45 are directed to additional embodiments of the present invention. Claims 23 is directed to a tape having a substrate, a primer layer coated on the substrate, and a pressure sensitive adhesive layer coated atop the primer layer. Both the primer layer and the pressure sensitive adhesive layer have a crosslinking agent. Support for the primer layer having a crosslinking agent can be found on at least page 8, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph and original claim 13. Support for the pressure sensitive adhesive layer having a crosslinking agent can be found on at least page 6, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph. Applicant submits that Claims 23 and 45 are patentable, at the very least, because crosslinking agents in the primer layer and the pressure sensitive layer are not disclosed in US 5,112,882 or US 5,993,900. Applicant submits that claims 24 to 44 are patentable because they depend on claim 23.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claims 23 to 45.

Respectfully submitted,

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